

TOWN OF AMENIA
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, July 17, 2008
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called Regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted.

Emergency Exits at right of town board meeting table and at rear of meeting room.

PRESENT:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	ABSENT * Arrived at 7:07 pm.
	Councilman Cayea	ABSENT
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway Department – Stanley Whitehead

DEC permit approval for pipe installation on Prospect Road.

Awaiting approval of DEC permits for other (FEMA)-funded projects. Meeting to be scheduled with Supervisor Euvard, Stanley Whitehead, Joe Zarecki, Engineer and Ed Hoxie to discuss.

Pipe for Lake Amenia Bridge project has been ordered. Awaiting permits. Road closings will be announced and televised.

Town Clerk – Maureen Bonds

Scheduled meeting with Linda Bull, Regional Advisory Officer of NYS Archives, and Mike Hagerty, Grant Writer, to re-submit application for **NYS Records Retention Management Grant**.

Commissioned as New York State Notary Public, effective June 2008. Also holds Notary Public for State of Connecticut.

WELL #4A

VRI Environmental Services has obtained three (3) bids to repair motor. Beale Pump Service,

Stephen B.Church Co, and Mid Hudson Pump Service (lowest bid at \$2707.00).

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey to AUTHORIZE Supervisor Euvrard to order repair or replacement of Well #4A pump by **Mid Hudson Pump Service**, not to exceed \$3000.00.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Absent
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

Mechanic Street Sidewalk Project

Councilwoman Doyle submitted that Curt Johnson of Zarecki & Sons, Inc. will be requested to submit the most cost-effective solution for the drainage issue. Proposal evaluation will not exceed \$500.

Grants Update – Mike Hagerty

Transportation Enhancements Program (TEP) Grant has been submitted to NYSDOT for Harlem Valley Rail Trail extension.

Organizing re-bid package for Mechanic Street project.

Harlem Valley Rail Trail Extension - Requests for Qualifications (RFQ's)

Proposals for **design consultant work** have been submitted to Supervisor Euvrard by: Morris Associates, Dodson Associates, and Tonya Shoumatoff. Town Board will request a more detailed proposal from Tonya Shoumatoff and schedule interview this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Affordable Housing Committee

Betty Rooney advised that committee is awaiting Resolution for Housing Board approval and appointments. Also requested status report from Hudson River Housing.

Recreation Department

Tom Werner announced Farmer's Market and Toy Swap on Main Street in Wassaic, beginning Tuesday, July 22, 2008 thru mid September, 2008.

Recreation Commission would like to be included in Keene Stud and Silo Ridge considerations. So noted by Supervisor Euvrard.

Recreation Department (cont'd)

Mr. Werner stated that Amenia residents have **priority** for Senior bus trips; and must be 55 years or older. Bus capacity will then be considered from waiting list.

Orpha Thomas, member, has **resigned** due to health reasons. Ms. Thomas will continue her position as President on Amenia/Wassaic Seniors Board of Directors. Vacancy will be posted.

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey, to **ACCEPT** resignation of Orpha Thomas from Recreation Committee.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Absent
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti to **AUTHORIZE** Councilwoman Doyle to submit press release to advertise for **Recreation Committee** vacancy.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Absent
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

Housing Board Interviews

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti,, to schedule second Special Meeting/Executive Session for Tuesday, July 29, 2008 to interview applicants for **Housing Board**.

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Absent
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, to submit **Resolution** for town board approval to establish **Housing Board** with defined terms and administrative guidelines at August 2008 Regular Board Meeting.

A LOCAL LAW OF AMENDING CHAPTER 109 (TAXATION), ARTICLE II (VETERAN'S EXEMPTION) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA, BY INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF THE ALTERNATIVE VETERANS EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 458-A OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW.

- 1. The maximum exemption permitted by section 458-a (2) (a) is hereby increased to \$27,000.**
- 2. The maximum exemption permitted by section 458-a (2) (b) is hereby increased to \$18,000.**
- 3. The maximum exemption permitted by section 458-a (2) (c) is hereby increased to \$90,000.**

Supervisor Euvrard made the Motion, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti that was ADOPTED – VOTE

Councilman Pelkey	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilman Cayea	ABSENT
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, Mechanic Street, Amenia, New York on August 21, 2008, at 7 o'clock pm, prevailing time on Proposed Local Law No.1 of 2008, entitled "A Local Law of Amending Chapter 109 (Taxation), Article II (Veterans Exemption) of the Code of the Town of Amenia, by increasing the maximum amount of the alternative veterans exemptions available pursuant to section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law."

FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of said meeting shall be published in the official newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Amenia by the Town Clerk, at least five (5) days before such hearing.

RESOLUTION #18 OF 2008 – PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2008

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 109 (TAXATION), ARTICLE II (VETERANS EXEMPTION) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA, BY ADDING A SECTION PROVIDING COLD WAR VETERANS WITH THE REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 458-A OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW.

- a. **Qualifying residential property eligible for an exemption pursuant to section 458-b (2) (a) of the Real Property Tax Law shall be entitled to receive an exemption of fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of such property; provided however that such exemption shall not exceed \$12,000, or the product of \$12,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the Town of Amenia, whichever is less.**
- b. **Qualifying residential property eligible for the additional Cold War Veteran's disability rating real property tax exemption authorized by section 458-a (2) (b) of the Real Property Tax Law shall be entitled to receive the full amount of that additional exemption.**

Supervisor Euvrard made the Motion, seconded by Councilman Pelkey that was
ADOPTED – VOTE

Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilman Pelkey	Aye
Councilman Cayea	ABSENT
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, Mechanic Street, Amenia, New York on August 21, 2008, at 7o'clock pm, prevailing time on Proposed Local Law No.2 of 2008, entitled "A Local Law Amending Chapter 109 (Taxation), Article II (Veterans Exemption) of the Code of the Town of Amenia, by adding a section providing Cold War veterans with the real property tax exemption authorized by section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of said meeting shall be published in the official newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Amenia by the Town Clerk, at least five (5) days before such hearing.

**RESOLUTION #19 OF 2008 –PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2008
A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN CODE BY AMENDING
CHAPTER 109, "TAXATION" ARTICLE III, BUSINESS INVESTMENT EXEMPTION,
BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 109-7, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL INCENTIVE
BOARD.**

Supervisor Euvrard made the Motion, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti that was

ADOPTED – VOTE

Councilman Pelkey	Aye
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Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilman Cayea	ABSENT
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, Mechanic Street, Amenia, New York on August 21, 2008, at 7 o'clock pm, prevailing time on Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2008, entitled "A Local Law of Amending Chapter 109 (Taxation) Article III, Business Investment Exemption, by adding a new section 109-7, Industrial and Commercial Incentive Board.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of said meeting shall be published in the official newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Amenia by the Town Clerk, at least five (5) days before such hearing.

Discussion by Town Board members to send press release to advertise for five-member committee/board.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

National Metering update

Supervisor Euvrard advised that reminder letters have been sent to water district residents to schedule installation appointment.

2009 Amenia Budget Worksheets

Distributed to all department heads, to be submitted to Supervisor by Wednesday, August 19, 2008.

Discussion between Councilwoman Doyle and Supervisor Euvrard regarding ~~expenditures from the contingency line to date.~~ **<Councilwoman Doyle asked for full "report" from auditing consultant>.** **<Added as amended>**. Issues in question to be researched by Supervisor Euvrard and results reported to town board.

Supervisor attended Taconic DDSO meeting to discuss transit-oriented development. Will be boost for economy and growth.

Town Board discussed development and growth as it pertains to endorsing Concept Plan. Must understand and consider costs in upcoming 2009 budget plans.

SUPERVISORS REPORT (cont'd)

Board of Ethics Committee has suggested that Town Board hire an attorney in advisory capacity, as required.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey, to HIRE **Warren Replansky**, of Pine Plains, New York as **Attorney** at the rate of \$175.00 hourly for the **Town of Amenia Board of Ethics**.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	ABSENT
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

Supervisor Euvrard Aye

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti, to AUTHORIZE Supervisor Euvrard to apply for grant for the **2009 Town of Amenia Dance Program** in the amount of \$1,000.

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	ABSENT
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Perotti offered copies of Dutchess County Travel Guide brochure.

Councilwoman Doyle stated that Dr. Clemens (Cary Institute) will review Town Concept Plan and submit his comments to town board at no charge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Kroeger suggested that town board consider drainage impact on Ten Mile River with proposed Metro North parking lot expansion.

Ms. Kroeger requested that draft of proposed Housing Board resolution be available to the public for a better understanding of administrative guidelines.

Cheryl Morse offered viewing “Resorting to Madness”; a documentary on environmental issues. Discussion to televise on public access Channel 22 at future date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (cont’d)

Joe DeVito stated health issue concerns about neighboring property, now owned by bank, located at 58 Tinkertown Road in Amenia. Photos offered to town board for review. Supervisor will contact DEC.

Charlotte Murphy stated that cemetery located on Mygatt Road is part of Historical Society and mowing is not being maintained. Supervisor met with contractor and Mr. Burke.

Sue Gregory stated that mowing between sidewalk and road on Depot Hill needs attention. Specifications will be reviewed.

Michael Peek requested update on Allen’s composting operation on Old Rte 22. Councilwoman Perotti stated that Allen’s have topsoil permit, and town is awaiting verification from DEC of any violation of permits under Town Zoning Code.

Evelyn O'Connell stated that Silo Ridge project will offer solid tax base, job creation, and commercial development.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Perotti, to ADJOURN meeting at 9:42pm, with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: August 8, 2008
Approved by Town Board: August 14, 2008

